

GEO. E. STIFEL & CO.

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1154 to 1160 Main Street.

CROWDING

A lot of work into a short space of time. A few days only are left for Christmas preparation. Make good use of the time.

You'd think every man, woman and child was the possessor of an Umbrella, from the number we've been selling, but we find there are still some Umbrellas needed. We've several hundred to sell, at from less than a half dollar up to fifteen dollars.

School Umbrellas, for children, made from fast black cloth, 24-inch frame, steel rod, natural crook handle—

49c.

Ladies' 26-inch size Umbrella, hollow frame steel rod, ebony handle. Gents' 28-inch paragon frame, steel rod, large Congo crook handle—both covered with good fast black gloria—

98c.

Another line at.....\$1.69
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and up to \$15.00, but we call special attention to the lines at \$2.50 to \$5.00 for Xmas gifts. Best silk coverings, with Gold, Silver, Ivory, Pearl and Natural Handles.

PURSES

39c, 49c, 59c.

Because low in price is not proof of inferior quality. These purses are about half of the actual value. Purses made of grain leather, monkey and alligator.

Fine Russia Leather Card Cases, Coin Purses, Purses and Bill Wallets, from \$1.00 up to \$5.00.

That Fancy Taffeta Waist

Displayed in our middle window is a Christmas special, and should bring much more money than our price—

\$5.98.

The silk is of excellent quality Taffeta, the colors good, revers trimmed with chiffon applique. It would cost five dollars to have a waist like this made.

Eiderdown Quilts and Cushions.

LARGE WINDOW DISPLAY.

Have you seen anything better for a Christmas gift to the home?

Quilts from.....\$4.98 up

Cushions from.....98c up (Down Filled.)

Cheaper Cushions.....25c up

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D. GUNDLING & CO.

....CHRISTMAS....

"At Christmas, play and make good cheer,
For Christmas comes but once a year."

If there is ever a time when one wants the right kind of goods, it's certainly at Christmas time, when selecting articles suitable for presents.

A GOOD SUIT OF CLOTHES

Is not only a desirable present, but also a sensible and profitable one.

You can get a heavy Cheviot or Cassimere Suit at \$10.00. Fancy Cheviots, Blue and Black Clays, choice weaves, \$12.50 to \$15.00. A custom tailor wouldn't make you a suit from these fine fabrics for less than 25 to 30 dollars.

Our assortment of Furnishings is now at its best. Keep us in mind in selecting Christmas Gifts.

D. GUNDLING & CO.,

34 AND 36 TWELFTH STREET.

GEO. R. TAYLOR CO.

GEO. R. TAYLOR COMPANY.

Holiday Offerings.

25 PER CENT OFF

On our entire stock of Ladies' Tailor Made Suits and Skirts. Each and every garment new and desirable.

Special prices on Wraps, Jackets and Furs. Nothing more appropriate for Xmas presents.

200 Colored and Black Dress Patterns reduced to about 1/2 their value. Prices range from \$2.25 to \$8.50.

SUGGESTIONS:

Ladies' and Men's Silk Gowns and Jackets.
Lace, Embroidered and Plain Linen Handkerchiefs.
Centemeri, Monarch, Regent and Luttia Kid Gloves.
There is only one "CENTEMERI" brand, each pair stamped on the inside of the left hand glove; all so-called "THE SAME" are imitations.
Silk Umbrellas, Silk Skirts, Silk Waists, Lace Scarfs, Pocket Books, Leather and Silk Bags, Fans, etc., etc.

GEO. R. TAYLOR COMPANY.

RECOMMENDS THE REFUND ORDINANCE.

This Action Taken by Council's Special Committee, and Council Will Act Next Tuesday.

ELECTRICAL PLANT PURCHASE

Is Included in the Provisions of the Ordinance, as Redrawn by City Solicitor Nesbitt.

The special committee of council in whose hands was placed the preparation of an ordinance covering the refunding of the major portion of the city's bonded indebtedness, held an important meeting last night, at which the ordinance as redrawn by City Solicitor Nesbitt, was recommended favorably to council, and is to be taken up by that body at its regular meeting next Tuesday evening.

Members of the committee present included Mayor Sweeney, chairman; Councilmen Maxwell, Waterhouse, Chew, Korn and City Solicitor Nesbitt. At the last meeting of the committee, it was decided to incorporate a section providing for the inclusion in bonds of sufficient amount to acquire the plant of the Wheeling Electrical Company, thus enabling the city to enter the business of selling electric light. This was incorporated in a new section, as follows:

Section 14—Inasmuch as it is required by the constitution and laws of the state that the payment of the interest on and redemption of the bonds to be issued under this ordinance must be provided for by the levy of direct annual taxes, and it is intended on the adoption of this ordinance not to cause any unnecessary taxation, therefore to provide as far as possible against any such increase, it is further ordained that there shall be paid into the city treasury from the revenues of said proposed electric plant on or before the first day of January, 1901, and on or before the first day of January in each year thereafter until all the bonds issued under this ordinance are fully paid, the sum of \$2,738, and also a further amount equal to the one-fifth of the interest coming due on the next ensuing day of January on all of the bonds issued hereunder and unredeemed at the time such payment is made. Provided, however, that if the opinion of council, the revenues of the said electric plant in any year are not sufficient to justify such payments either in part or whole, the sum so paid out of the revenues of the said electric plant shall be applied toward the payment of the current expenses of the city.

The ordinance provides for a total issue of bonds aggregating \$510,000, of which \$94,800 is for the acquiring of the Wheeling Electrical Company's plant, equipping the same and making additions to it.

Inquiry was made as to when the city would be in need of money coming from the refund for paying bonds about to become due, and Receiver Forgy said not until June, next year.

As to the condition of the money market, it was stated the Wheeling banks have an abundance of money, the present eastern stringency not extending here.

It was decided to date the bonds June 1, but the committee members favored having the refund election at as early a date as possible.

City Solicitor Nesbitt read the following from Caldwell & Caldwell, the well known law authorities:

WHEELING, W. Va., Dec. 18, 1899.
Frank W. Nesbitt, Esq., City Solicitor, Wheeling, W. Va.

DEAR SIR:—The draft of the ordinance to be submitted to the committee of the council of the city of Wheeling, entitled "An ordinance to provide for the issue and sale of bonds of the city of Wheeling to be known as the refunding and electric light bonds of 1900, and for the redemption thereof," has been read and considered. The provisions on this subject have been carefully prepared and fully considered, and our opinion is that, if the ordinance is adopted by council and ratified by the people, no successful attack could be made upon these bonds, or the right of the city to issue the same.

Our attention has been particularly and especially called to the provisions respecting the issue of bonds for the purpose of enabling the city to enter into the business of selling electricity to private consumers. The provisions on this subject have been carefully prepared and fully considered, and our opinion is that, if the ordinance is adopted by council and ratified by the people, no successful attack could be made upon these bonds, or the right of the city to issue the same.

Yours very truly,
CALDWELL & CALDWELL.

After a short discussion the committee voted recommendation of the ordinance to council favorably.

The committee has completed its work expeditiously and with thoroughness, and the ordinance it reports to council is an instrument conceded to be strong and sound legally, thanks to the industry and ability of Solicitor Nesbitt, whose work has been passed upon by the best legal talent and pronounced good. It now remains for council to place the matter before the people in a special election, and the impression is that the refund will meet with more general support than was accorded another attempt to refund, that of two years ago. The present refund measure differs materially from the other, and in addition there has not been shown so far any indication that the matter will be made a political issue, and it should not, for the committee has endeavored to act only for the best interests of the city, and both Democrats and Republicans on the committee have agreed on the plan that is now presented to council and later to be submitted to the people for their final consideration.

DIAMONDS bought from us at the present prices will be worth in the near future more than one hundred cents on the dollar.

DILLON, HANCHER & CO.

NICE piece Cut Glass, go to JOHN FRIEDEL & CO.'S.

Read Stone & Thomas' ad. about Umbrellas. Come early for choice.

BUY holiday goods at the WEDGEWOOD, 1003 Main street, and save 20 per cent.

HAWKE'S GLASS.

Hawke's Cut Glass is entirely different in color and cut and fine brilliancy from all others.

DILLON, HANCHER & CO., Sole Agents.

DAVID HARUM, by Westcott, at 90c.

JOS. GRAVES' SON.

DIAMONDS of the highest quality only at lowest market price. M'NAMEE, 1507 Market street.

THE GERMAN CALENDAR

For 1900 issued, and is an example of Fine Lithography.

The German Insurance Company, of Wheeling, has issued its 1900 art calendar, and, following a custom of several years, the subject of the lithographed scene is from Germanic history. The title is "Thunelda in the Triumphal Procession of Germanicus," and the coloring is richly beautiful. The picture is described as follows:

The Emperor Tiberius, about 14 A. D., surrounded by his courtiers, (favorites, councillors, victors, senators and Roman women), has taken his place upon a tribune under a spread canopy, in order that the triumphal procession of Germanicus may pass before him. Germanicus appears in the background upon a triumphal car, accompanied by his five sons, surrounded by trophies of victory, and is greeted by the applause and acclamations of the people, who are to be seen at the arch of triumph.

In front of the car, reaching from the middle distance to the foreground of the picture, are the German captives being led in chains. As principal figure in this group and of the picture walks Thunelda in the costume of the Germans, with her sons, Tumelicus (a child of three years) accompanied by a nurse and attendant. Before her is the priest, Libes, coupled (chained) together with warriors, escorted by Roman soldiers. Behind Thunelda are to be seen her brothers, leaders of the Cherusker, chained together with bears, etc., etc. The foreground to the left is occupied by the populace of Rome, who mock and insult Thunelda. Thus, having been forcibly carried away from her husband, Arminius, a German prince, by her father Segestes, was, from reasons which appeared to him advantageous for his own personal interests and the conditions of the Romans, betrayed into the hands of the Romans. In the picture, Tiberius has selected Segestes to stand before the steps of his throne, and has forced him to witness the shame of his own daughter; he is mocked by the senators sitting near him, as they point to the prisoners below. Strabo describes, as an eye-witness, this event; he, as well as Tacitus, although Romans, express plainly their sympathy for the devotion and love of country exhibited by Thunelda, whose personality will ever be a poetical subject for an artist.

Three More Days Till Xmas.

A short period, but there is ample time to secure a photograph or graphophone, which is one of the most popular Christmas presents this year. Prices range from \$1 to \$100.

F. W. BAUMER CO.

HAWKE'S GLASS.

Hawke's Cut Glass is entirely different in color and cut and fine brilliancy from all others.

DILLON, HANCHER & CO., Sole Agents.

CROKINOLE, the regular \$2.50 game, at our store, for 98c and \$1.50.

JOS. GRAVES' SON.

H. E. HILLMAN & CO. has the best Watch stock in the city, at a bargain.

VERY low prices on all jewelry and silver novelties this week. M'NAMEE, 1507 Market street.

Kid Gloves 75c, worth \$1.00. SWABACKER'S.

FRUITS AND BOX CANDY.

A fine Basket of Fruit and Box of High Grade Candy makes a good Xmas Present for young or old.

ALEX. DURST & SONS.

Three More Days Till Xmas.

Make your selection to-day from our immense stock of Pianos and Organs, embracing the best instruments manufactured. Prices and terms best.

F. W. BAUMER CO.

WATCH Bargains, at H. E. HILLMAN & CO.'S.

GET Thurber's Box Candy, 80 Twelfth Street.

IT is now a well known fact that Hawke's Cut Glass is the finest in the world. We have the entire line and new goods arriving every day.

DILLON, HANCHER & CO., Sole Agents.

FRUITS AND BOX CANDY.

A fine Basket of Fruit and Box of High Grade Candy makes a good Xmas Present for young or old.

ALEX. DURST & SONS.

THURBER'S Bonbons and Chocolates are pure, 80 Twelfth street.

A FEW Choice Diamonds, low price. W. J. LUKENS, One Price Jeweler.

FAMILY WASHING.

Rough Dry Washed, Starched and Dried 5 cents per pound.

Flat Work, Washed and Ironed, 5 cents per pound.

All hand work finished 10 cents per pound. AT LUTZ BROS' Home Steam Laundry.

Three More Days Till Xmas.

We have a fine second-hand Upright Piano, ebonized case, in good condition. Price, this week, only \$125.

F. W. BAUMER CO.

BUY holiday goods at the WEDGEWOOD, 1003 Main street, and save 20 per cent.

YOU can get the 20-game combination Archæna Board at our store for \$3.50, \$5.00 elsewhere.

JOS. GRAVES' SON.

DIED.

RITTER—On Monday evening, December 18, 1899, at 9:40 p. m., EMMA RITTER, wife of J. H. Ritter, formerly of this city, died at her late residence, on River Beach, at Benwood, on Thursday afternoon at 2 p. m. Services at M. E. church at Benwood. Interment at McMeekin cemetery. Friends of the family invited to attend.

PETERS—At the family residence, No. 33 Market street, on Tuesday, December 19, 1899, at 7:30 o'clock a. m., LIZZIE LARNHARDT, wife of Conrad Peters, in her 44th year.

Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral Thursday morning at 8 o'clock. Funeral from residence Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends of the family respectfully invited to attend. Interment at Mt. Calvary cemetery.

UNDERTAKING.

Louis Bertschy,

FUNERAL DIRECTOR and ARTERIAL EMBALMER.

1117 Main St.—West Side.

Calls by Telephone Answered Day or Night. Store Telephone 283. Residence, 508. Assistant's Telephone, 66.

BRUENNER & HILDEBRAND

Funeral Directors and Embalmers.

Cor. Market and 3rd Sts. Telephone 267-J. Open Day and Night.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Going and Coming of Wheeling People and Visitors.

Miss Maggie Curtis, of West Liberty, was in the city yesterday.

Earl Braden arrived home from Washington and Jefferson college yesterday.

Misses Aggie and Ada Graham have returned home from the Buckhannon seminary for the holidays.

Elsworth Adams, a conductor on the over-the-river division of the Wheeling Railway Company's lines, has returned from a visit with friends at Morris-town, Ohio.

Harry Daisell, of Princeton; Henry Russell and Jesse W. Speddl, of Yale; George Wise, of Michigan; Edward Kline and Joseph Paul, of Washington and Jefferson, are college boys home for the holiday vacation.

Dr. S. L. Spragg and family returned from Joplin, Mo., to spend the holidays in this city. Dr. Spragg reports that the mining interests at Joplin in which he and other Wheelingites are interested, promise flattering returns.

OUR entire stock re-arranged, permitting you to choose from a large collection of dainty, rich dependable solid gold and silverware at prices that must impress all discriminating holiday buyers, with the bargain importance of this store. Several large counters and cases loaded with thousands of beautiful and acceptable Christmas presents. Time is getting short. JOHN BECKER & CO., 337 Jacob street.

Satchels and Pocket Books. SWABACKER'S.

DIAMONDS bought from us at the present prices will be worth in the near future more than one hundred cents on the dollar.

DILLON, HANCHER & CO.

BUY Good Fresh Candy. Thurber's, 80 Twelfth street.

THE largest line of Rings in the city. W. D. ODBERT. Watchmaker and Jeweler, south end creek bridge.

TOY Washstands and Toilet Sets complete, the only thing of the kind in the city. Shown by us. J. S. GRAVES' SON.

STERLING Silver Brushes, Combs and Mirrors. Real Ebony Brushes, Combs and Brushes.

W. J. LUKENS, One Price Jeweler.

LADIES' and gentlemen's watches at very low prices at McNamee's, 1507 Market street.

Umbrellas Sample Line 1/2 less than 1/2 prices ever quoted. Read Stone & Thomas' ad.

BUY holiday goods at the WEDGEWOOD, 1003 Main street, and save 20 per cent.

SATURDAY, December 30, will be the last day to pay water rents. Office open until 8 o'clock evenings.

GOOD Pearl Pens, Gold Point, 75c. W. J. LUKENS, One Price Jeweler.

WE have plenty of Elgin and Waltham Watches. It is not necessary for us to substitute inferior movements, claiming they are just as good.

SHEFF BROS.

TURKEYS.

To be sure you get a good Turkey leave your orders early, and get your choice of 2,500 Turkeys which we will have. Lowest prices in the city.

E. MYERS, 1033 Main Street.

L. R. SONNEBORN.

1108 MAIN STREET.

L. R. Sonneborn's

SAMPLE SALE

Exceptional Opportunities For Holiday Shopping Half Retail Prices.

OPEN EVENINGS.

BRIEF MENTIONINGS.

Events in and About the City Given in a Nutshell.

The ice skating rink is now open, and any lady who desires to learn to skate should attend the morning sessions, when the rink is not so crowded, and the instructor is present.

The annual holiday rush is expected to begin at the postoffice to-day. Two extra clerks have been put on, and Postmaster Wise is confident the force will be able to stem the tide of holiday business.

Sale of Oil Property.

The Dallas Oil Company has sold its 3,000 acres of leases in Warren and Wells townships, Jefferson county, O., including one small producer on the Merkle farm, to William L. Russell, of Akron, who has also bought 1,500 acres

of leases from the Smithfield Oil Company. Russell says he will put down five wells and will begin work at once. Lambertson & Company, on the D. J. Sinclair farm, near Empire, was a distributor.

Skirts—Mercerized, warranted to wear. SWABACKER'S.

20 per cent discount on all stock at the WEDGEWOOD, 1003 Main street.

Three More Days Till Xmas.

A present in the form of a Banjo, Mandolin, Guitar or other musical instrument would be very much appreciated. Our stock is largest, prices lowest.

F. W. BAUMER CO.

DIAMONDS at a Great Bargain to-day, at H. E. HILLMAN & CO.'S.

THURBER'S Hand Made Chocolates. 80 Twelfth street.

MUTUAL SAVINGS BANK.

"Rented Houses Are Not Homes"—Poor Richard.

The MUTUAL SAVINGS BANK, No. 1521 Market street, has money to loan on real estate, in sums large or small, on easy terms of interest and repayment. No commissions or premiums are charged. Principal and interest can be reduced semi-annually.



Gifts Suitable for Grown People.

Don't Crowd

three days' buying into one! You all know how busy this busiest of all stores will be on Saturday. However, we've made ample provision for extra help, and, although we're prepared to wait on thousands with the same care as on dull days, we ask you to aid us by being as patient as possible. Remember that clerks are on their feet from 7:30 a. m. to 10:30 p. m. Come to-day if you can. Assortments are better than they'll be on Saturday.

CHRISTMAS CHAIRS.

\$2.97—Velour Seat and Back Reception Chairs.
3.45—Velour Seat Parlor Art Chair.

CHRISTMAS CHINAWARE.

\$6.49—One Hundred Piece Dinner Sets.
\$4.49—Fifty-seven Piece Dinner Sets.
\$3.49—Twelve Piece Toilet Sets.

CHRISTMAS LAMPS.

\$1.25—Decorated Globe Lamps.
\$1.98 to \$20.00—Decorated Art Lamps.
\$5.75—Lamp and Onyx Top Brass Stand complete.

CHRISTMAS COMBINATION BOOK CASES.

\$15.98—Golden Oak, Mirror Top, Combination Book Case and Secretary, worth \$20.00.

CHRISTMAS WRITING DESKS.

\$4.48 for Oak or Mahogany finish Writing Desks, worth \$5.50.

CHRISTMAS PARLOR SUITES.

\$29.98 for Beautiful Velour Covered Five-Piece Suite, carved mahogany frame, worth \$40.00.

CHRISTMAS COUCHES.

\$3.48 to \$25.00—Our whole range of 300 Couches cut in price for Christmas buyers.

CHRISTMAS ROCKERS.

Hundreds of Elegantly Carved Oak and Mahogany Rockers, with velour, leather, illuminated or plain seats and backs. Prices \$2.62 to \$25.00.

CHRISTMAS UMBRELLAS.

1,000 new ones arrived for Christmas week. Prices 69c to \$1.00.